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**Gov. Perdue Announces 25 Western North Carolina Projects Recommended
to Help Create Jobs, Bring Economic Development**

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that 25 projects in Western North Carolina have been recommended to receive more than \$5.7 million in funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The projects will help bring needed jobs and economic development to 29 counties throughout Western North Carolina.

“North Carolina and the Appalachian Regional Commission are partners in bringing jobs and economic development to communities throughout western North Carolina,” said Perdue. “These projects will support business and infrastructure that will strengthen local economies.”

Project proposals were reviewed by the North Carolina ARC office and project partners to ensure they were consistent with ARC’s goals. The Commission will make the final decision whether each project receives funding.

Two projects in Surry and Watauga counties leverage additional grants from the Golden Leaf Foundation to provide access to mobile technology in schools, including laptop computers for students and teachers in Watauga County.

Created by Congress in 1965, the Appalachian Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership that works with the 420 Appalachian counties and county-equivalents in 13 states to create opportunities for self-sustaining development and growth. North Carolina counties eligible to receive funding are: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey.